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Organization unites students

CHRISTINA HOWARD
Page Editor

PUC offers students a variety of clubs and organizations that help expand their knowledge beyond what they learn in class. This semester the International Student's Organization has been added to the list of choices. This organization allows international students to get together and share experiences as well as make new friends. Marsha Gordon, director of the graduate office and international student services, explained the importance of this organization.

"This is a place for international students to belong. It's a way to connect to Purdue and other students, international as well as American. Making a connection is so important in everything we do."

As Gordon mentioned, this organization is not only for international students, it is open to any PUC student interested in learning about other cultures. In an attempt to create a positive cultural exchange, the organization encourages American students to join.

The organization has been in the making for some time, however, the events of September 11 brought attention to the need for an organization such as this. Nelu Khallar, vice president of the ISO, explained the significance of creating the ISO at a time like this.

"Most students don't know we have international students here (PUC). Right now we have about 50 or 60 international students attending PUC. We have had the idea for this organization for a while, but after what happened September 11, we had a meeting and decided we should really do this."

Photo by Skye Holman

International student organization member, Neelu Khullar, discusses issues prevalent to international students to Sanford Colbert.

John Fetsis, president pro tem of the SGA and one of the organizers of the ISO explained the goal of this new organization.

"We want to create an awareness of other cultures and also the issues that pertain to international students."

He also mentioned the urgency for an organization such as this after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The ISO is planning many events for the future. Fundraisers, dances, guest speakers, volunteer work, international programs, and a cultural food day are a few of the planned activities for future semesters. In order to make these events successful, however, the need for student participation as well as sponsorship is crucial.

Gordon, along with Mark Hannon, academic adviser for manufacturing engineering, technology and supervision and Marissa Garcia-Verdugo, director of basic languages, sponsors the ISO.

At the present time the ISO is trying to inform students about the group and recruit members. Currently, meetings are held every Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in either SFLC 321 or SFLC 301. There will be a call-out meeting November 20 in SFLC 321 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for anyone interested in joining. For more information on the organization send your comments/questions to isopuc@yahoo.com or call 989-2257.

Professionals hired to aide students

LAUREN GOETZ
News Writer

Departments throughout PUC have or will be re-structuring so that each will have the opportunity to have a full time, or professional, adviser.In the past students in each department were divided between professors.

Jennifer Hill a junior majoring in general communication said, "I don't think that one adviser can have a personal relationship with each student. If you have a personal relationship, the adviser can do a better job of helping the student pick what classes are best for them."

Duties of the professional advisers include working five days a week and also throughout the summer.

Sandra Singer, Vice Chancellor of academic affairs said, "The main concern for the professional advisers is to provide advising for students, especially during peak times."

Even though the option is there, not all departments are required to hire a professional adviser. It is up to each individual department head to decide what will work best for that department.

The Communication department has opted to hire one such professional adviser, Patty Mellon. Mellon obtained both her undergraduate and master's degree at PUC, so she has an intimate knowledge about the department and can give beneficial advice to students about what classes to take.

Photo by Skye Holman

Renee Williams talks with Daphne Robinson about scheduling next semesters classes.

Mellon said, " Giving the job of advising to one full-time adviser is more organized and efficient because this is my main job. Now, the professors can go back to what they are here to do, teach."

Still, other departments have chosen to go with a singular adviser who is also a faculty member.

Nancy Johnson is a faculty member and the only undergraduate adviser in the mathematics, computer science and statistics department. She said that she has not experienced any conflicts with teaching and advising.

"I think that just being an adviser doesn't work out as well."

Johnson said that she teaches many of the students that she advises.

"I purposely put the freshmen I advise in my class so I can get to know them better."

Some students fear that in departments that have one adviser making appointments with them will be difficult when it is time to register. In order to make this process smoother, Singer said that having a full time adviser "provides more access for students".

Mellon said it is important that students obtain a permit to register that will tell them the earliest date in which they can schedule their classes with their adviser. If students follow these dates, they should not have a problem getting in to see their adviser.

Another concern with one person advising is that they will also be responsible for going through an audit with each graduating senior. This consists of going through the student's transcript and making sure that the student will have enough credits to graduate and checking to see if everything else in the student's records are correct.

When asked if she would have a problem auditing every student, Patty Mellon said, "It is a lot of students, but I know what students are graduating the next semester when they register with me. I have all semester or over the summer to go through the transcripts. When the student comes in I have everything ready."

Johnson said that the crunch time for registration is hectic, but that only lasts for two or three weeks. She said that organization and planning ahead can compensate for this busy

NSBE poetry Hip/Hop set on Nov. 30, 8 p.m.-12 p.m. For more information or tickets call 938-1134.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Counseling Center is available to help stressed students

Students tend to feel stressed at this time of year with the fall semester winding down.

As a result, Purdue Calumet's Counseling Center has been busy. The Counseling Center provides free personal, career and educational-related counseling for any Purdue Calumet student.

"Things build up during the semester to where students feel stressed by the old 80-20 rule: 20 percent of the semester is left, and there's 80 percent of course work that is coming due." Purdue Calumet Director of Counseling Services Larry Crawford said.

There are several ways Crawford and his staff seek to help students when they're stressed out.

"One way," he said, "is we sit down with them, look at what's producing the stress, and determine how to work to minimize it. Some anxiety is productive, but too much is counterproductive. We also try to help students reorder their priorities and make adjustments in their life. We try to work with them to become more in charge of their life—to take more responsibility for their welfare."

Reassessing habits

Crawford added that "A lot of freshmen are still trying to get adjusted to the college experience—the freedom of college compared to high school. They're trying to focus on selecting a major or career direction. Some students who come to the Counseling Center may have done well in high school, but are now struggling, so their self-esteem is weakened. We've also been seeing students who are *trying to balance the demands of their job, school, home responsi*bilities, economic concerns and the Sept. 11 terrorists attack."

Adapting and adjusting to college, according to Crawford, often entails helping students reassess their habits and approach to classroom and laboratory responsibilities.

"We work with students in helping them deal with procrastination, test anxiety, time management issues, study skills, and the difficulties and challenges that are a part of the university experience," he said. "We try to help students set realistic goals and then help them develop a means for reaching those goals."

The Purdue Calumet Counseling Center also coordinates career testing, issuing and interpreting some 400 to 450 such tests and inventories a year at no charge to students.

"We use the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers-Briggs Inventory," Crawford said. "The Strong is more an interest inventory that attempts to compare a student's likes and dislikes with those individuals who are successful in various professional fields. The Myers-Briggs is more of a personality type inventory, which we attempt to relate to different professions, occupations and careers."

Defining goals is important

According to Crawford, personal problems deter learning and keep students from fulfilling their educational objectives.

"We know that students who have more defined goals tend to persist in college," he said, "so if we can get students to narrow their focus, we are more apt to help them stay in school—and student retention is a key aspect of our university strategic plan.

"We also know that very few students fail because of their academic ability. They fail because of problems and issues that come into their life that keep them from being successful. Our role is to deal with those intervening factors that get in the way of students achieving academic success."

The Counseling Center is located in GYTE 5. The phone number is 989-2366.

What's goin' on?

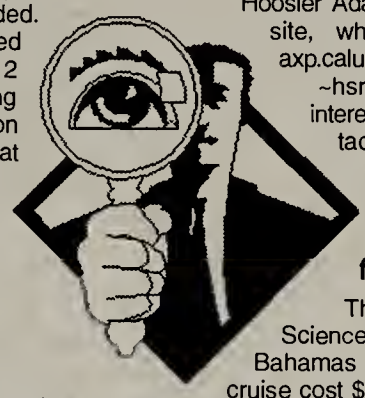
A look around campus

International students organization seeks new members

ISO is a new organization on campus that strives to bring all students together to learn about different cultures and their cuisines. ISO invites all PUC students to its first callout meeting November 20, 2001 in SFLC (library building) room # 321 from 5:00 p m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information contact (219) 989-2559 or write to isopuc@yahoo.com

NSBE holds live annual poetry / hip-hop set

NSBE presents the best poets in the Midwest and live hip-hop by local talent in its annual poetry/hip-hop set. Free food will be provided. This event is scheduled Nov. 30 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the SFLC building in Alumni Hall. Admission is $5 in advance and $7 at the door. To participate, information or tickets call (219) 938-1135.



PSI CHI holds psychology club meeting

The meeting will be held Nov. 21 in Porter hall, room 108. Contact Ann Edwards at (219) 989-2863 if there are any questions.

SGA seeks new members

The Student Government Association is looking for new Senators, please contact Nicholas Orange at (219) 989-2394 or e-mail him at nicktornage@hotmail.com

SHPE seeks new members

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers is looking for new members to join the organization. This non-for-profit organization devotes its time to developing professionalism and community service. For more information contact Ibrahim Issa at (219) 689-6623 or e-mail issa45@home.com.

IVCF provides new times for weekly prayer meetings

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will hold half hour prayer meetings Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Thursdays at 1 p.m. in SFLC-344C. Send e-mail to IVCF@axp.calumet.purdue.edu for more information.

SHRM announces new meetings for fall semester

The Society for Human Resource Management will host meetings Nov. 13 and Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. in Gyte 116. Those who are unable to attend but still wish to participate can e-mail Ron McCullough at pucshrmpres@yahoo.com.

Hoosier Adapt welcomes members throughout the semester.

Hoosier Adapt has updated their Web site, which can be viewed at axp.calumet.purdue.edu/~hsradapt/index.htm. Those interested in joining should contact Andrea Murray at peper@netnico.net

Cruise is offered for credits

The Department of Behavior Sciences offers a cruise to the Bahamas for credits this May. The cruise cost $1,150 to $1,195 for a four-day cruise and students gain hands-on experience with lectures and tours on board and a class component. For more information contact Geralyn Farley at 989-2714.

IIE, SME host joint chapter meeting that is open to all

Engineers, and Society of Automotive Engineers will have a general joint chapter meeting Monday, Nov. 12 (IIE and SME officer elections) and Dec. 10 (finals week). All PUC students, faculty, staff and guests are invited to attend. Meeting times will be 6:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. in Anderson 248.

Foreign Language Department shows Puerto Rican film

The Foreign Language and Literature Department will show *Mi Puerto Rico* Friday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in CLO-110. The 90 minute film, in English and Spanish with English subtitles, portrays a personal journey through Puerto Rico's rich cultural traditions as revolutionaries and abolitionists, poets and politicians struggle for a national identity. Presented by Carmen Torres-Robles.

Say what?

'God bless the U.S.A., so large, so friendly, and so rich.'

-W.H. Auden
1907-1973

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Volunteering their time

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Sophomore Ishmel Holmes, signs the database for Student Leadership Development during the Volunteer Fair while Krista Longtin and Cory Sizemore work the table. The fair was sponsored by the Purdue Calumet Cares P.R.O.G.R.A.M. and some of the organizations present were the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of America and the Wellness Council seeking blood donors.

The PUC Police Report

Monday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m. A computer monitor was stolen from a room in the SFLC building. The theft occurred sometime between 10/20/01 and 11/5/01 the missing monitor was located in the area where it was originally missing. Case unfounded and closed.

Monday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. A suspect, Robert Richardson, was seen driving through the P-7 lot and was known by officers of the PUC Police Department to have a suspended drivers license. The suspect was arrested and transported to Hammond City Jail.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 10:20 a.m. Dennis Dobrolecki, Star Amusements, stated unknown suspects placed paper cups in the pool table ball holes in order to retrieve the ball without having to pay for another game. The glass pool ball cover had been removed from a third table to allow the removal of the pool balls without having to pay for games.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m. The reporting person received an e-mail regarding and alleged lawsuit. When the reporting person contacted the law firm mentioned in the e-mail, the firm denied any knowledge of the alleged lawsuit.

Thursday, Nov, 8, 4:35 p.m. A victim sustained a cut to the left middle finger. The victim was treated at the scene.

Friday, Nov. 9, 10:50 a.m. The victim's backpack was stolen in a lab in the Annex and was later found by a Student Patrol Officer outside the Potter building. When the victim claimed the backpack, there were numerous books missing.

Olympic spirit brought home to PUC

JOSH NYTKO
News Writer

The Olympic Flame will be ignited in late November 2001 in Olympia, Greece, by the sun's rays and kept in a lantern that travels with the relay. The 2002 Olympic Torch Relay will begin its 65-day journey in the U.S. December 4, 2001, in Atlanta, Ga., the last site of the Olympic Flame on American soil. The relay travels more than 13,500 miles through 46 states, including for the first time, Alaska.

Six Lake County residents have been chosen to carry the flame through this area. One of the residents chosen to bring the Olympic spirit to the PUC community is 20-year campus police officer, Donna Hillier.

As the only woman on the PUC police force, Hillier serves as a role model to many in her community, but it is her own family members who look up to her the most.

"She's just my hero," said Charlotte Hillier, Donna's younger sister and one of her 11 siblings.

"She's a standout in our family. I just try to do as good as she does."

Charlotte nominated Donna, a 42-year-old Hammond resident, to carry the torch because of the work she does as a police officer. Above that, it is her compassion for victims and their families that Charlotte feels earned Donna a place in Olympic history.

"Whatever needs to happen, she'll do her part and then some," Charlotte said.

"She always goes the extra mile."

Hillier, who is also one of 500 officers chosen to work police detail at the 2002 games, plans to carry the torch in honor of crime victims as a way of letting them know that the people in law enforcement care about them.

Hillier is inviting victims and their families to stand along the part of the route where she will run, so they can see her and know she is participating in their honor.

Friends say that anyone who knows Hillier would agree that her dedication as an officer totally reflects the Olympic Spirit, and it is for this reason that she is a prime candidate for the position of torchbearer.

Cory Sizemore,a junior majoring in political science, said that he is very proud to know that someone from PUC will be representing the school in the Olympic ceremonies.

Photo by Rocio Cortez

Donna C. Hillier from the University Police Department writes up a report. Hillier was selected as a torch bearer for the 2002 Olympic Torch relay.

Internships may help students succeed

To apply for internships for the spring and summer semesters of 2002, come to the Center for Career and Leadership Development in SFLC 349 and complete the following:

1. Register with Career and Leader-ship by completing Career Connections form.

2. Bring in one copy of your résumé, cover letter and a stamped Purdue transcript from the Registrar's Office.

3. Fill out Fox Chicago Internship application.

The Center for Career and Leadership will forward information to Shynaa Brown, Internship Coordinator at FOX Chicago. If you do not wish to register with CCLD, you have the option of forwarding your information on your own. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Chynisse Browder at (219) 989-2419.

The following departments customarily have internship opportunities for students with majors/areas of concentration in related fields of study:

- News Department
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- Sports
  Newsroom/Tape Library
  Health Segment*
  Perspective Unit*
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There are 81 Days until the Winter Olympic Games start and when they do, a member of Purdue Calumet will be there.

Donna Hillier, PUC campus police officer was appointed to carry out security duty for these Olympic games.

Before the games start, Officer Hillier will carry the Olympic torch through Hammond for 0.2 miles – being one of the many winners who were chosen for the way they inspire others.

The torch will be carried an average of 208 miles per day and Officer Hillier will be the favorite of PUC.

Hillier is an example of what is right in law enforcement. It is Hillier that not only fellow officers but the entire campus of PUC should look up to and model ourselves after.

Hillier was nominated by her younger sister Charlotte Hillier who in a local paper was quoted as saying, "She's just my hero," about her sister.

Well Donna, you are not only a hero to your family but a hero to the university.

Your compassion is undaunted and your belief in right and wrong is a testament to your moral fiber.

The entire campus of PUC should come out in support of Donna and give her the biggest ovation in our country.

All of the torchbearers deserve credit an applause for the great honor bestowed upon them. But forgive us if we do cheer extra loud and root with a biased mindset.

Purdue Calumet has a hero and her name is Donna Hillier.

Donna is no stranger to the Olympic Games, she was a security officer during the 1996 Summer Games that were held in Atlanta. She will be working security at the winter games in Salt Lake City this forthcoming winter Olympics.

With the recent turmoil in the world this winter Olympics takes on a greater importance and can hopefully bring our planet's inhabitants together.

Just as an act of terror shook the Olympic Square in 1996, this country and the world has to rely on the Olympic spirit to get us through this recent tragedy.

Americans has been trying to band together as one nation to rise above the terrorist attacks by leaning on each other for support, understand and trust. This is what the Olympic spirit epitomizes.

A will to survive and move on together as a world family is what Hillier will symbolize as she runs through this town with the torch raised above her head.

WIth PUC's volunteer fair just one week ago, Hillier is participating the the ultimate volunteer effort.

That of bearing the symbol of an everlasting faith, hope and world struggle is a volunteer effort coveted by every citizen of this planet.

The school would be well represented if everyone who was able could stand along the street that Hillier is to run and cheer for her effort, for the triumph she will embody and for all of our undying sprits in this time of trial, that we may continue to endure just as the flame that she will be carrying will endure through out the Olympic Games.

The task at hand shall be a trying one for all the security guards at the games, but Purdue Calumet's own Donna Hillier will be ready for any challenge that comes her way.

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The People Speak

Question of the Week: What are you thankful for?

Harold Jones
junior, education
"I am thankful for my family because they care so much for me also to be alive."

Christina Trammel
junior, psychology
"The life God has given me."

Chris Bannister
freshman, mechanical engineering
"I'm thankful I am alive."

Brandi Watson
junior, organizational leadership supervision
"Everything."

Clinique Robinson
junior, communication
"I am thankful for my family and the government funding that allows me to go to school."

Katrina Alexander
freshman, computer technology / business
"I am thankful for God. Without God there is no me. Also, for my family and friends."

Chancellor Cohen improves PUC

KRISTIN M. HARKIN
Editor in chief

Chancellor Cohen began his journey at PUC this past fall and I am already thoroughly impressed. He is bringing to life many ideas that some students have been wanting to implement.

The Chancellor said his goal is to "lead Purdue Calumet to the next level of excellence." I feel that he has really mapped out PUC to achieve this higher level of excellence.

I think he really wants to improve the campus for students. He has many fresh ideas and is working with Purdue Lafayette to implement them.

Some of his plans for improving student life include building dorms on campus, increasing the number of student scholarships, increasing student wages and building a Student Success Center. He helped research the need for a parking garage on campus. He is also working toward improving new student orientation. These are all issues that students have wanted the administration to address for years. Now, someone is listening. We need to give our feedback on what we want as students to help future PUC students.

PUC is very convenient and perfect for students who need to work full time, students can come to school for the hours they have class and then go home or to work. Some students are only on campus for a few hours a week.

These plans may help PUC evolve to also provide for the need of a more traditional college atmosphere for students, where there are fun activities for students to join and places to hang out on campus. I think this is a large part of college life. It is a time for students to socialize and really learn a lot about yourself by interacting with other people, and some students are missing a large part of what you should learn while in college. You should learn more than what's in the classroom.

The chancellor recognizes this and is attempting to help the students, but more students need to take a proactive role in these decisions that are being made for them.

I want to applaud the Chancellor for the things he has done already and look forward to seeing what lies ahead in the future for PUC.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I have been attending Purdue University Calumet since the summer of 2000. I have two children and I have never seen such rudeness toward someone with children like that which took place in the computer lab on October 1, 2001 at 9:50a.m.

A young lady was attempting to do some work in the A Bay when her child made a noise just to ask for her bottle. Immediately after she received the bottle she was quiet. But this did not matter to the man who runs the computer lab. He told her she had to leave, because the lab was a study area and she was disturbing the other students. Even though no other students commented. He said there was a new rule and children were not allowed in the computer lab. She stated there should be a sign posted saying children cannot be in the lab. She is totally right if this rule is true. My problem is that Purdue University Calumet is a commuter college many of the students that attend have children. I see it as discrimination toward those with children. Students with children pay the same technology fee as those without children. If we cannot do our schoolwork in the computer lab while our children are accompanying us, then the technology fee we pay should be used to provide a computer lab where people with children will not be asked to leave for disturbing other students. This issue needs to be addressed. There may be a time when I may not be able to use my computer at home and I need to come to campus. I should not have worry if I will not be allowed to use a computer I pay a technology fee to have access to. I do not think the young lady would have been in the lab if she did not have something to do. After being repeatedly asked to leave she left. But where is she supposed to do her work? Once again none of the other students present complained about the "noise". This is a matter that anyone with children has to be concemed about. The person running the lab suggested that she take the children to the Riley center. For those who do not know the Riley Center is not free and they do not take children until age three. The young lady put out of the lab had two children with her, because her and another student take turns watching each other's babies while they attend classes. It is hard enough to attend school with your baby while at the same time watching someone else's so that the both of you can go to class. She should not have to endure the embarrassment of leaving the lab while under those circumstances.

Skye Holman
sophomore, psychology / sociology

GSA offers graduates equal voice

NICOLE ELISCHER
News Writer

The Graduate Student Association is a new organization where graduate students can now be given an equal voice to address issues, such as payments of financial aid and health insurance. Formed last month by Teresa M. Petersen, a graduate assistant for the MFT program and a graduate assistant for the Center for Career and Leadership Development, this organization seeks to unite them to create a better educational and community environment that will give this specific group of students the chance to address ways their issues can be met.

"We are in the beginning stages of this organization. So far we've had two meetings and 15 members. Right now our big concern is getting enough students together to provide feedback to develop our mission statement and see where we go from there," Peterson said.

In addition to having these issues addressed, GSA will be planning service activities that are related to community service, improving the community of the university and acting as mentors to provide guidance for undergraduate students who are interested in graduate studies or increasing their work skills within their current field of study.

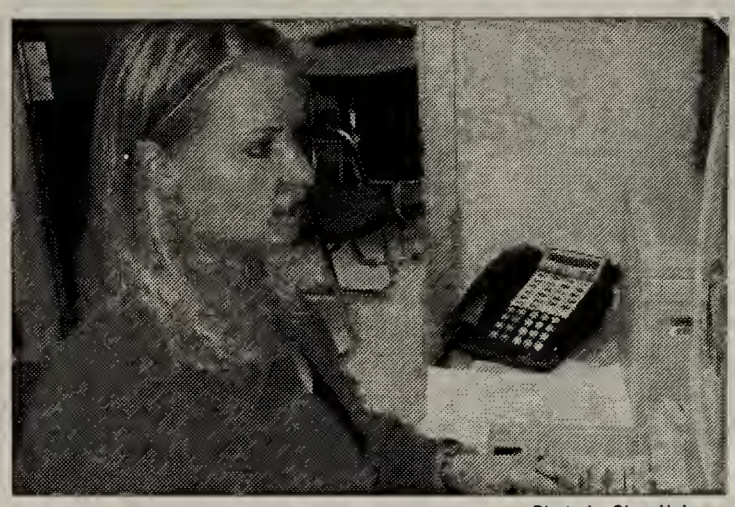


Photo by Skye Holman

Teresa Petersen president of GSA, hopes to address needs and concerns of all graduate students.

Krista Longtin, a graduate assistant in the office of Student Leadership Development and a graduate student in communication and creative arts said, "Being involved with the GSA is a great benefit to any graduate student. Not only do you get to work as an advocate for graduate students concerns, but you also get to meet folks from other programs on campus. "The GSA's aim is to build relationships between grad students, thus creating an interdisciplinary support network, so it's really positive for everyone involved."

She feels that the organization offers peer leadership and empowerment, along with a peer group for graduate students that this specific group of students was in need of. She also hopes that in the future, GSA will act as a central location for assistance and information for graduate students. Longtin would also like to see the group offer a mentoring program for undergraduates who are interested or are in need of help in while attending graduate school.

Though not affiliated with any national chapter, one feature of this organization has its ties to the SGA. One of the programs overseen by both the SGA and the GSA is the President's Club. The first meeting of the President's Club, Oct. 1 brings together the presidents of the 48 student organizations. This club gives each organization open communication to share ideas and resources and to discuss ways in which student life at PUC can be improved. Since the start of the GSA, Petersen and Cory Sizemore, student body president, have worked together on issues that will specifically impact the graduate students on this campus.

"In the past, SGA has been made up of mostly graduate students, but has always been open for anyone to join. With GSA, along with the President's Club, all students now have an equal voice where they can address issues that are concerns of them," said Sizemore.

He feels that as student body president, he can finally represent all students and that the university will see " a big change."

Graduate students that would like more information on GSA, or are interested in joining can contact Petersen at TeresaPetersen@hotmail.com

Scholarships available for science majors

World's largest scientific society seeks minority students for scholarship program

JOSH NYTKO
News Writer

The American Chemical Society announced it has begun accepting applications for its 2002 Scholars Program.

The program supports academically accomplished African American, Hispanic, and Native American students in their pursuit of undergraduate studies in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, environmental science, and related disciplines in two and four year college and university programs.

The program's manager, Roger Hughes, said the Society "expects to award $850,000 to current and new scholars over the next two semesters."

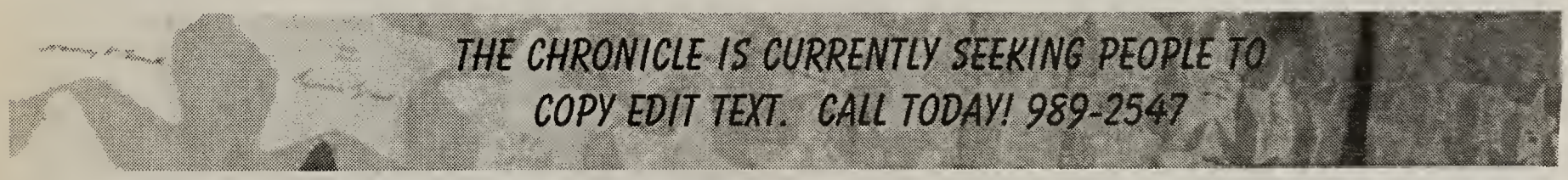
According to the society's ChemCensus Report, relatively few minorities major in science-related disciplines at the college level. In 2000, for example, those of Hispanic heritage, or 12.5 percent of the U.S. population, comprised less than 2.6 percent of the chemistry workforce; African Americans, at almost 12 percent of the population, comprised less than two percent of the chemical workforce; and Native Americans, representing one percent of the population, made up less than one percent of the chemical workforce.

Since the Society launched the Scholars Program with a $5 million grant in 1995, over 1,100 students have won scholarships based on a mix of academic achievement and financial need. Since inception, students in the program have represented 390 colleges and universities in 48 states and territories, according to Hughes.

Program recipients are eligible to receive between $2500 and $3000 per academic year, and many find that top corporations are interested in hiring them after graduation.

"I was really excited," said La'Techa Johnson, a former participant hired as a plant chemist by PPG Industries in Baton Rouge, La. "I didn't think I'd be hired right out of college." The company's interest in Johnson began when she was a chemistry major at Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge.

PPG and other firms including Astra Zeneca, Bayer, DuPont, Glaxo Smith Kline and Xerox have all contributed $100,00 or more to the program. Many companies offer mentoring and paid internships to selected program participants as an integral part of a student's academic and career development plan.



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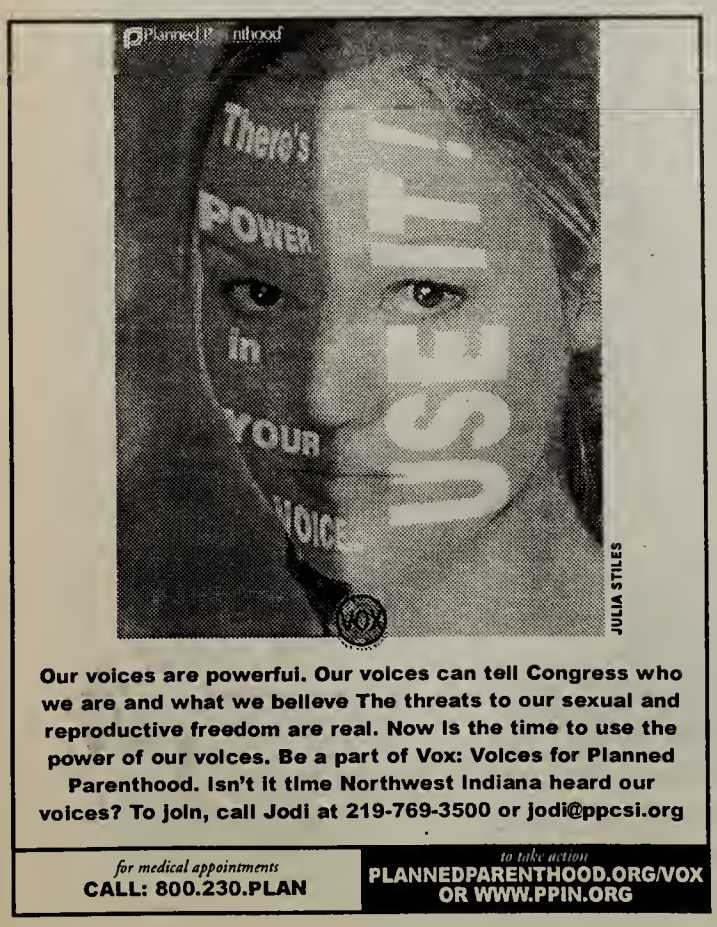

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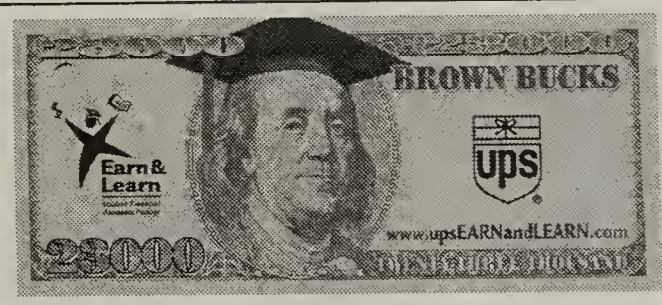

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I want my DVD

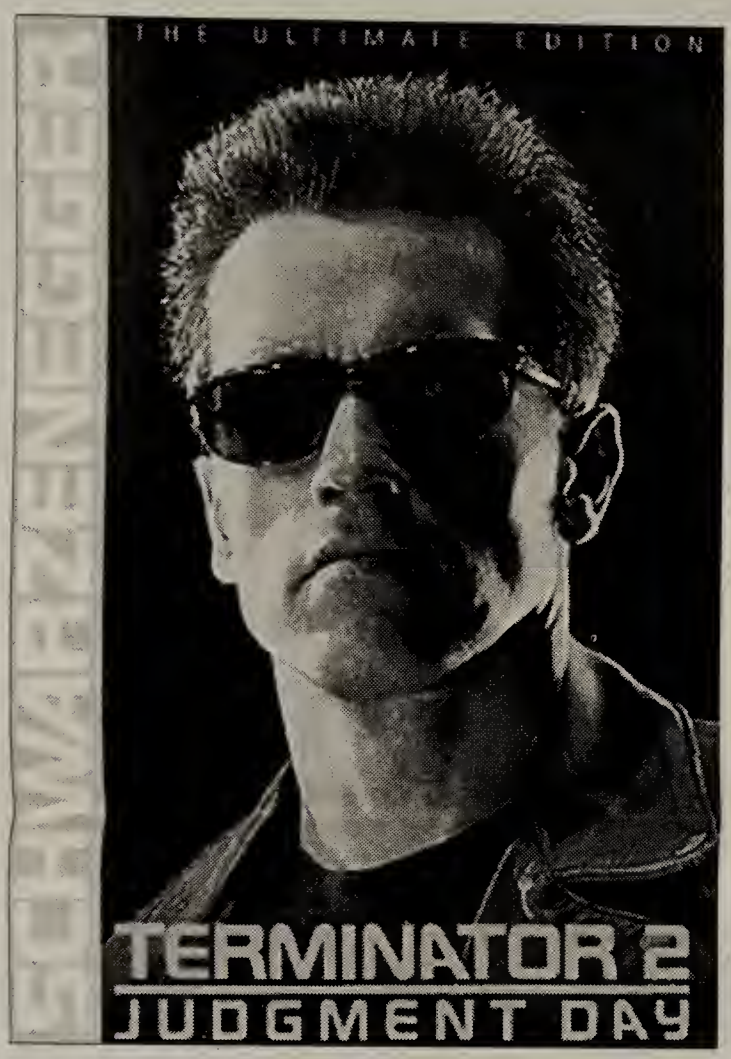
Jim's picks for the top 20 DVDS that everyone should own

JAMES E. LACZKOWSKI
Entertainment Editor

I am always apprehensive about new technologies. First of all, they're marketed by corporate scoundrels whose main goal is to breed subtle manipulation into the eyes and ears of those resting peacefully at home. "This is the new thing! Buy it and you'll be the envy of friends and enemies alike!" The advertising campaign can be deemed as just another way to suck the money out of your wallet. Then, there are those of us who remain neutral, content in playing vinyl, VHS, and 8-track cassettes.

What's really cool about a time like this is that you can basically go anywhere from your local flea market to online auction sites like Ebay and find all these retro-technologies at affordable prices. Now, you can get your favorite VHS tape for under five bucks.

*As for myself, I am a walk*ing contradiction. I still cling to the scratchy confines of a needle and an old 45. At the same time, I am currently writing this on my new laptop while burning a new mix CD. Call me hypocritical but at the same time I scoff at those corporate moneymongers, I too have bowed down to "hip" and attainable fashions that make living more exciting, and also, more lazy.

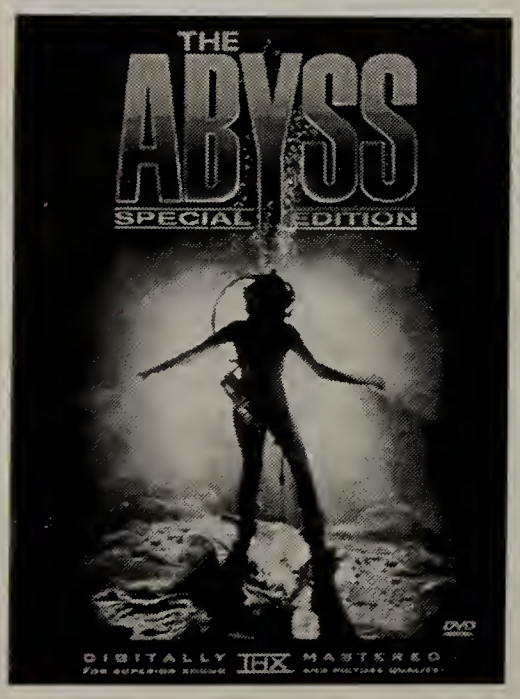


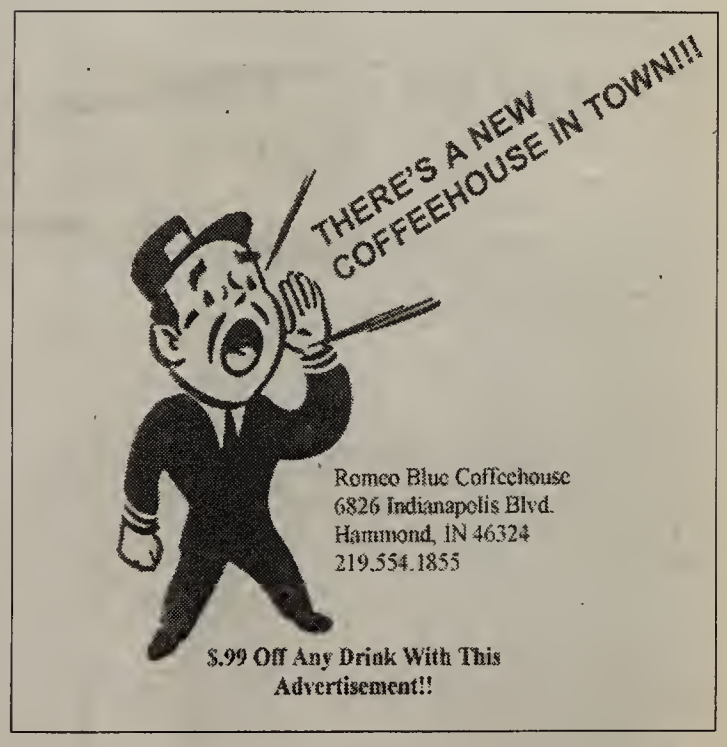
Why go out to the theater when you can basically buy and build one in your own living room? Four or five years ago, nobody had heard of the digital video disc revolution. We had gone from Vinyl, to cassettes, to compact discs. As for viewing movies in the privacy of your own home, we've primarily relied on videotape. (Although there was also the short-lived debacles of Beta and Laserdiscs). Although I don't foresee the possibility of VHS going extinct, everybody, by now, like the computer sweep of the 90s, has bowed down to the DVD. A godsend for film fanatics, it is truly a gift to those who not only watch the occasional film on a Friday night, but want to experience every exciting facet of it. From the construction of sound design to extraordinary extras that range from director commentary to deleted scenes, just about every DVD released on the market has something to offer. That, and unlike the delay of priced-to-sell VHS tapes, DVDs are immediately available to buy the day of its rental release. They offer everything from music to cartoons to old TV shows, but I've decided to only recognize the movies that have wowed me.

The digitalized sound and the crystal, crisp picture are just two of the many reasons that every household in America now owns a player and the local library now carries them for an overnight viewing. But in my three years experience of buying and renting, there have been about a hundred of them that have caught my eye in terms of having an earth-shattering experience. And since I can't take up the whole newspaper, I'll limit the list to about twenty DVDs that have truly rocked my world and made my eyes pop out of their sockets. The following list is NOT a compilation of my favorite films per say, but rather the most memorable DVD experiences I have had over the years. And let's just say I cannot wait for more to add to my library.

1. **T2: Judgment Day** (A 2 disc set that no one should live without)
2. **Fight Club** (Just for the commentary and "infomercials alone")
3. **The Matrix** (Can we say lobby shoot-out?)
4. **The Godfather Trilogy** (An offer you can't refuse)
5. **Boogie Nights** (The commentary with a drunk Marky Mark is worth the 20 bucks)
6. **Contact**
7. **The Toy Story Collection: The Ultimate Toy Box**
8. **Chasing Amy** (All of Kevin Smith's contributions could be on this list)
9. **Alien**
10. **Shrek** (You can put your own voices into the mouths of the characters!)

11. **The Abyss**
12. **Die Hard** (You can edit a scene and watch your finished product!)
13. **Blade**
14. **Taxi Driver**
15. **Citizen Kane** (Ebert's commentary makes any film freak feel like an idiot)
16. **Run Lola Run** (The perfect blend of visual zest and killer music)
17. **Close Encounters Of The Third Kind**
18. **The Goonies** (Listen and watch the commentary in which we see the Goonies kids all grown up)
19. **Brazil** (One weird movie given a massive revision by Criterion)
20. **Halloween**





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'Shallow Hal' digs a little deeper

AMY L. AURELIO
Production Manager

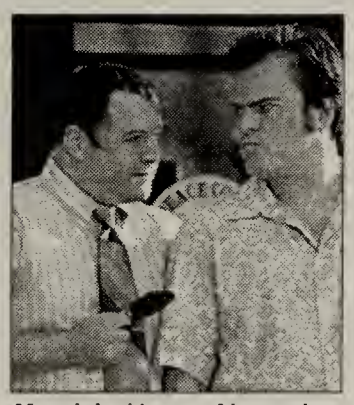
Here's a question that I'm sure you may have trouble answering. What is beautiful?

Is it a crystal vase full of long stemmed roses? Is it a sunset, full of shades of gold, blue, and pink? Is it Heidi Klum in a Miracle bra?

I guess being fat still isn't considered cool. Apparently, it certainly isn't beautiful. Men and women are still being subjected to various images of a pneumatic Naomi Campbell to the impossible physique of that guy from "Angel." For as much as we've advanced in our society, to watch a girl healthfully wolf down a double cheeseburger, seems to make the rest of us cringe, right? Well, we can't all look like Gwyneth Paltrow, you know. But apparently, in the Farrelly Brother's latest release, "Shallow Hal," Paltrow looks like the rest of us. And they prove, in a subtle way, that this isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"Shallow Hal" refers to a disgustingly narrow-minded guy (Jack Black, from the "greatest band in the world" Tenacious D, and"High Fidelity,") who could be considered the shallowest guy alive. While he doesn't exactly eam anyone's catcalls himself, he holds impossibly high standards for the women he, well, tries at least, to have relationships with. They must have the perfect 10 body; their straight teeth must shine like the sun. They must be centerfold-quality and nothing less. Hal, wrapped up in looks and not much else, can't seem to comprehend that the women he tries so hard for are just as superficial. His best friend, Mauricio (Jason Alexander) regards women in even a more distorted view. His so-gorgeous-she-could-be-a-supermodel girlfriend has (gasp!) an index toe longer than her big toe. Mauricio just ain't havin' it. Believing that they are God's gifts (in shiny wrapping paper to boot) to women, he thinks Hal shouldn't be havin' it either.

Hal on the other hand, is trying to hold on to the delusion that he and his neighbor, a Carmen Electra look-alike named Jill (Susan Ward) are destined to remain together forever. In reality, they've only dated once, and Jill sees straight through Hal, unfortunately like the hypocrite that she is..



Mauricio (Jason Alexander, left) tries to convince Hal (Jack Black) to come to his senses in "Shallow Hal."

A chance meeting with the renowned self-help guru Tony Robbins (big smile, big guy, big dreamer, and the guy makes mucho money in real life as, yes, a self-help guru) leads Hal to a completely different way of thinking. After a hypnosis exercise while stuck in an elevator, Hal is a changed man. From then on, he would truly see the inner beauty of the women that he meets.

Hal suddenly sees beautiful women everywhere: on the street, in a dance club, and ultimately, right outside a burger joint. There he meets Rosemary (Paltrow,) a blonde, willowy, all-American beauty with a heart of pure gold. She quintessentially is the perfect woman. She volunteers at a children's ward of a hospital. She goes abroad for the Peace Corp. Never before, would Hal even notice these things as being so special.

Hal begins to realize that for once he has found love with someone who cares about more than when she got her bikini line waxed or where she bought her size 0 Issac Mizrahi miniskirt. This in turn gives him more confidence to really be himself. Magic-ally, the same has happened for Rose-mary, despite the chairs she accidentally breaks or how many rude comments she gets from men. Mauricio, still fixated on perfect toes and waistlines, can't fathom why in the hell Hal would stoop so low to date Rosemary. When a smitten Hal asks, "doesn't she just take the take?" Mauricio replies, "Yeah, she takes the whoole bakery."

Mauricio later begins dating a nurse that works with Rosemary. While on the outside she is all-get-out gorgeous, Hal immediately sees her in all her inner decrepitude - skinny, dry hair, wrinkly visage, the image of a old, smoking 3-packs-a-day hag. Perhaps Mauricio is the one with the problem after all.

Still facing the fact that his best friend doesn't quite approve of his lady love, Hal struggles to understand why everyone can't see the beautiful woman that he does. The lesson that Hal must leam here is right in front of his face, and the questions remain: Who is the real Rosemary? Does it matter what she really looks like?

The Farrelly's delve into some profound issues here in "Shallow Hal," and for me, it was not necessarily an uncomfortable film to sit through, though I understand where others may find it offensive and cruel. The Farrellys are known for their homemade hair gel ("There's Something About Mary") and their Amish boy who bowls ("Kingpin.") They do have to have a sense of humor, or else they wouldn't be the Farrellys. I have come to admire them for going this far in this sweet, little film.

During a briefing session in New Orleans this month, the Farrelly brothers addressed the controversy surrounding their portrayal of "fat people" in this film. Their depiction was not intended to come across as crude or embarrassing. The film itself was uncharacteristically innocent and moving. Perhaps the Farrellys are on to something here. Their hope is to bring the audience to an understanding that beauty truly comes from the heart, just like laughter.

Shallow Hal
★★★1/2

Comedy 'Nuts' delivers insane entertainment

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Managing Editor

I got an extremely pleasant surprise when a couple of my friends suggested that I go with them to see a play produced by the Theatre Company of Purdue Calumet called "Nuts." It was extremely fortunate that I attended the play when I did because it was the last night of the production's showcase. "Nuts" ran every Friday and Saturday Nov. 2,3,9,10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m.

The characters include the defendant, Claudia Faith Draper (Megan Dagley), Judge Malinda Murdok (Kathleen Rosdil), prosecutor Frances McMillan (Christine Parry), defense attorney Aaron Levinski (Larry Kolga), Claudia's mother and stepfather, Rose and Arthur Kirk (Sondra Hinken and Michael Cuhn), psychiatrist Ida Rosenthal (Jennifer Bianchi) and bailiff Harry Haggerty (John Schach).

The plot of the play is as follows: Claudia is a divorcée and prostitute that has been accused of murdering one of her clients. However, the trial in the play is for her ability to stand trial for the murder. Claudia's parents, Rose and Arthur Kirk, think that she is insane and unable to stand trial. They, along with Dr. Ida Rosenthal, the state psychiatrist, think that she would be better off in a mental institution. Even though it means standing trial for murder, Claudia is hell bent on proving that she is not crazy.

Photo by Lorrell D. Kilpatrick

Megan Dagley gives an emotional performance as Claudia Faith Draper in the PUC Theatre Company's production of "Nuts" on Sunday Nov. 4.

The first thing I saw as I walked in about two minutes before the curtain rose was the stage setting. The set, the stage in Alumni Hall in the SFLC building, was simple but exactly representative of a courtroom. Right down to the hardwood floor that resounded with each characters footstep, I was put very much in the mind of a real TV courtroom drama. This parallel was drawn even further when the judge stepped on stage.

Judge Malinda Murdok (Kathleen Rosdil) looked like a PUC version of Judge Judy. The auburn hair, short and spritzed, the nose-tipped classes and the stern expression mirrored the pride of CBS. The attorneys for both sides played their parts to make the rivalry in the courtroom as real as possible.

Frances reminded me of a brunette Susan Dey of "L.A. Law," right down to her charcoal gray business suit. Defense attorney, Aaron Levinski (Larry Kolga) played his part equally well. The subtle hostility that existed between the two provided the audience with both comic relief and enough believability to move the play along.

For me, Megan Dagley who played the central character, Claudia Faith Draper, gave, the standout performance. Dagley's portrayal of a crazy person was surprisingly (maybe even disturbingly) believable! From interrupting the court's proceedings to pacing around the stage delivering her moving soliloquy, Dagley captured the torture this girl felt and made me understand how some people can find peace in insanity (or in the struggle to break free from it). Issues like implied sexual abuse by her stepfather, emotional abuse from her husband and a woman finally finding her freedom and independence are what Dagley convincingly portrays.

This production, the second I have seen by the PUC Theatre Company, was the highlight of my evening. I highly recommend to anyone reading this that they attend at least one (two or three) of the Theatre Company's productions. You will not regret it.

Nuts
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The Sprankle Confines

MLB to lose two markets to contraction

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

This Thursday might be Thanksgiving, but for some of the most true baseball fans, seeing their respective team or teams dissolve is a sure thing not to be thankful for. It was only two weeks ago, when major league baseball team owners met with commissioner Bud Selig to vote on the contraction of two franchises. Of course, the vote would pass, and now the decision must come down to which two teams will see the door of their ballpark close.

Speculation is mounting for the Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins to become the two non-existent organizations, as both teams have suffered from attendance problems in poor playing facilities, a lack in payroll, and a not so friendly fan base.

In 1969, the Expos became *the first major league team to* operate north of the border in Canada. However, it was not until 1977 when they moved to Olympic Stadium, which had been built for the Olympic games the previous year in Montreal.

From a baseball standpoint, Olympic Stadium was the first facility with a retractable roof, but over the last few years malfunction has limited it to a close ballpark, not suitable for fans. Regardless, the Expos have only averaged under 6,000 per game this year, leaving a sea of empty seats. Television coverage has also become less of a factor, for the Expos a couple of years ago were the only team in the majors not to have a local television contract. But that changed this past season, as some games were televised locally in Montreal on the TSN sports network, while the majority of games were seen on its sister French speaking network, RDS.

On the other hand, the Minnesota Twins have played in one of the noisiest stadiums in the NFL. That's because whenever the Minnesota Vikings have taken the field, the Hubert H. Humphrey Metro Dome could only be described as a high level of fans cheering when it comes to football. That has not held true to baseball, while the Twins were able to have World Series seasons in 1987 and 1991, they have not had the magic nor the payroll that once held true a decade ago.

It was also a decade ago, that there were 26 major league teams, at the moment there are 30, but while the Expos are certain for contraction, and possibly the Twins, the future of baseball could bring heated debate.

Lakers make it

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

The first three games played have brought upon nothing but good results toward the PUC Lakers. Following a victory in the Kettle Classic over sister campus Purdue-North Central, the Lakers got back on the hard wood three days later, with the Tri-State College Thunder coming into the PER Building November 10. They might have come off a 33-point win in their previous game, but it was PUC that claimed the "w" on this afternoon, by a final of 84-63.

Impressive enough, the Lakers took control early, coming-up with 13 points off turnovers in the first half, taking advantage of Thunder mistakes that led to easy baskets. Eventually, the contest started to become closely knitted, and at one point Tri-State had the lead, but a three-pointer by Ryan Sexson put the home team back on top, adding to a 14-point first half lead.

In all, for the first half, the Lakers shot 58.6 percent from the field (17 of 29 attempts), as opposed to 32 percent for the Thunder.

With PUC losing to this same Tri-State team a year ago, they lacked the services of Marquice Woods. The sophomore forward/center red shirted last season and was forced to watch from the sidelines. Against the Thunder, he finished with six points, led the Lakers in rebounding with 10, and came through with three lone block shots, and has enjoyed playing in his three games back.

"For me, coming back means a lot, it was hard last year watching the team because I wanted to be out there helping and I knew I could not, and this year we got good senior leadership," Woods said.

"This game was our test, we came in knowing that the two previous games we played, had teams that were not as talented as this team (Tri-State) was, this was a good school and had good things going, so we have to build on this win."

The PUC lead continued to expand in the second half, giving way to what became a 60 percent shooting game for the Lakers, as Sexson led all scorers with 26 points including five three-pointers, right behind Dion Banks who had 18 points and four assist, and was just as impressive in his 32 plus minutes out on the court. Drew Hall chipped-in with 14 points and six rebounds, in what became a team effort.

"I though our team effort was great, we got some good rebounders and that's what we need. Offensively our guards got it done as they are going to do in every game, it was a nice overall team effort," Sexson said after the win.

And while the Lakers build on this victory, the focus is to take each task little by little with confidence.

"We made some good decisions in this win, but we are not looking way ahead right now, the future here could be very bright with all these young kids on the team, and the key is that we got good seniors so we have to build around them," Head Coach Gary Hayes said he was pleased with his team's shooting ability for the day.

"We should be able to shoot close to 50 percent, and the way we are starting to run this offense, we should be all right if we minimize turnovers."

Certainly last year, the Lakers started-out as an almost new program that featured a different team core, but with most of the core that have retumed this year, they feel confident and hope for the better.

"This year we are more like a family as opposed to last year when it was hard with a new coach coming-in with a bunch of new players, but we worked hard all summer long, a lot of us were in the weight room and came to open gym. But we got good team chemistry now and balance out on the floor," junior guard Ray Stinger who had 13 points in the win said.

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SGA hopes to increase attendance to games

CHARLIE FESTA
Sports Writer

For the second year in a row, the student government association (SGA) hopes to raise attendance at the Lakers and Lady Lakers basketball games. Their plan is in hopes of trying to attract students who do not normally attend basketball games.

There has been a decline of people attending and showing their support. In 1999 low attendance led to the cut of the womens volleyball team.

"I really liked the members from last year, we had a blast, and we hope to build on that for this year," Nick Orange said, who is the vice president of the SGA, and also an avid fan of the Lakers basketball program.

During halftime there will be activities for the fans to enjoy. The fun activities have not started yet but they will December 8, when the Lady Lakers and Lakers take the floor in what will be a doubleheader. Some of the activities include Cash pick-up, where a bunch of money will be placed on the floor and people will run out and get it, and in retum, they will claim the prize money. Local bands will perform at halftime, and a three-point shoot out on the basketball court will also occur. Starting this year, the SGA will conduct some new activities for the half time entertainment, such as a tug of war between some of the school functions.

Rob Jensen, who over the summer was appointed the new director of fitness, wellness, and sports, plans to work with SGA in trying to bring out more fans.

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